THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI U. V. KRISHNAM RAJU) : (a) The details of allocation and amount released under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) for the State of Assam are given below :

Year	Allocation (Rs. in crore)	Amount released (Rs. in crore)
2000-2001	75.00	75.00
2001-2002	75.00	80.00
2002-2003	75.00	74.92

(b) The percentage expenditure incurred upto February, 2003 by the State Government for the funds released during 2000-01 is 81.36%. For the funds released during 2001-02 and 2002-03, the road works were cleared together in 2001-02 itself, and the State Government has reported an expenditure of 40.18%.

Potable water crisis in Moltha, Tehri Garhwal

†4928. SHRI GANDHI AZAD : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Gram Panchayat Moltha, P.O. Devtadhar, district Tehri Garhwal, Uttaranchal is facing acute crisis of potable water;

(b) if so, whether all the sources of potable water available in Moltha village have dried up;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the concerned water corporation/water institute in Tehri Garhwal has located the source of water named 'Daul Nape' to solve the problem of potable water of the residents of the said village; and

(e) if so, the details of the effective steps taken by the Government to sanction the project of supply of potable water in the Moltha village ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M. K. PATIL) : (a) to (e) Water Supply is a State subject. Government of India, however, supplements the efforts of the

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States by releasing funds under Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programmes. Powers to plan, sanction and implement the individual water supply schemes have been delegated to the States. Government of Uttaranchal have informed that Gram Panchayat, Moltha, P.O. Devtadhar, District Tehri Garhwal in Uttaranchal is facing drinking water problem. Water from the existing source i.e., "Siryani Nami" has reduced considerably. Alternate water source i.e., "Daul Nami Tok" has been located and after recording the summer discharge from the newly located water sources, the State Government will design a scheme for execution to supply drinking water in Moltha village.

Steps to Accelerate impedimentation of Watershed Development Programme

4929. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any strategy has been chalked out by Government to bring all related Ministries of Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment and Forest under a single umbrella so as to accelerate the impediment-free implementation of Watershed Development Programme and to keep a check over the proper utilization of funds allocated for the ambitious programme;

(b) whether there is any proposal to constitute a special cell of experts on finance, ecology and environment, sociological issues, organizational skills and for creation of awareness through websites, international cooperation with neighbouring countries like Bhutan and Nepal; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M. K. PATIL) . (a) There is no proposal to bring all related Ministries of Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment and Forests under single umbrella. However, a proposal is under consideration to set up a National Mission on Land and Watershed Development in the Department in the Department of Land Resources and to transfer various programmes relating to Soil Conservation and Watershed Development from different Ministries to the Department of Land Resources, Ministry of Rural Development.

(b) No, Sir,

(c) Question does not arise.